

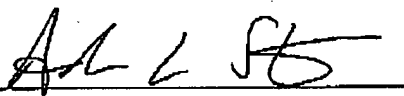
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005. Claims 4 and 7-10 were pending at the time of the Final Office Action. Applicants have cancelled Claims 4, 7, and 10. Claims 8 and 9 are the only remaining pending claims.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 4, 7, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Connell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,998,978; hereinafter "Connell") in view of Sakaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,035,357; hereinafter "Sakaki"). The Examiner has allowed Claims 8 and 9. As the Examiner has previously allowed Claims 8 and 9 and those are now the only remaining pending claims pending, Applicants believe that they have placed this application in position for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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